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THE objective of tabling a single Budget each year, which should be comprehensive enough to make

**Supplementary Budget**

unnecessary, is now

close to achievement as concerns the Ordinary Expenditure. This item turned out to be greater than expected, but so did revenue, and the shortfall comes to no more than one per cent of the outlay on Government departments and Government services, totalling over IL14.5m.

The need for additional income mainly concerns the Development Budget, and the biggest item involved is housing. Apartments take many months to build, so that it is not sufficient to budget during the present fiscal year for immigrants due to arrive by March 31st. A start must also be made now at constructing homes for those who will reach Israel in the first few months of the coming fiscal year.

When the number of immigrant housing units planned was revised in October from 6,850 (as originally budgeted) to 18,000, it was thought that this figure would provide an overlap of vacant accommodation to bridge this three-month gap into the budgetary year 1962-63. But the pace of immigration has itself risen so rapidly that the Supplementary Budget tabled in the Knesset yesterday expresses the Government's intention of erecting, not 18,000, but 24,000 housing units.

Such a programme should not be beyond the country's capacity, if it is recalled that immigration at a similar rate was absorbed into permanent housing by a far smaller population in the early fifties; true, housing standards have changed since then. The expenditure required to attain the Housing Ministry's goal this year is almost IL200m. The original allocation, for the modest housing target envisaged a year ago, was IL59m. Since then no further "taxes" have been imposed to finance extra housing, but a near-tax—the IL25m. Absorption Loan. The Jewish Agency undertakes to supply IL33m., leaving the balance of IL80m. to be raised by loans whose repayment will remain a legacy for future Budgets.

These facts lend background to Mr. Eshkol's statement that no new taxes in general have been imposed so far during this calendar year. There has certainly been a reshuffling of existing imposts, though customs reductions on imported commodities that are mostly not finished consumer goods are less noticed by the public than the compensating new levies just announced on motor-cars and refrigerators. And a number of new taxes had in fact preceded (and will undoubtedly follow) the year 1961. It must be said however that, even if there had been no rise in immigration, the Finance Minister (according to the Governor of the Bank of Israel) should have found it possible to budget for a surplus. The conclusion cannot be escaped that, given Israel's defence problem and the affirmed policy of continuing immigration, the Israel population should not consider it is being over-taxed at the present time.

Yet the tax burden on individuals is now probably as close to reaching its highest level (everything being normal) for the last and next decade. As more local industries graduate from their running-in period—which they must do more speedily now that reciprocal concessions are being negotiated with foreign tariff blocks—the burden of subsidies will decline. These reflections should encourage the nation to avoid running into deficits over today's expenditure, as so not to postpone tomorrow's plenty.

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## Eshkol Introduces Additional Budget

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Finance Minister yesterday presented to the Knesset the supplementary budget of IL118m. which was approved by the Cabinet on Sunday. The debate is scheduled for next Monday.

The only new impositions

included in the new budget are an increase in the purchase tax on motor cars and refrigerators (see adjoining column). These additional taxes are expected to yield IL1m. in the next three months.

The Minister, Mr. Eshkol, explained that these increases were designed to compensate the Treasury for reductions made in the course of the year in the customs and purchase tax rates of 10 per cent of the existing tax policy.

In this context he announced that the Treasury had agreed to the request of the electronic industry and was reducing the customs duty on parts used in the production of electronic instruments, and to exempt these from purchase tax.

On the expenditure side, housing accounts for IL58m. other development purposes IL14m., and the ordinary budget IL68m. Of the housing allocation IL25m. is for recent expected immigrants and IL6m. for new settlements.

The two main reasons which necessitated a supplementary budget are the increased immigration and civil service pay increases. Mr. Eshkol said.

The total amount required for immigrant housing is IL190m. This sum will be financed as follows: IL60m. from the original budget; IL27m. already approved by the Knesset Finance Committee as revenue earmarked for housing; IL25m. from the Absorption Loan; IL22m. from bond issues and foreign and domestic loans, and IL2m. budgeted for schools in immigrant settlements. These total IL120m. The remaining IL80m. will be obligations for the coming years, of which the Jewish Agency has undertaken to cover IL33m.

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There were also specific factors which accounted for increased tax revenue. For example, between April and September imports duty increased by 31 per cent over last year. And the proportion of imports subject to a high rate of duty likewise increased. Thus, between April and October, 8,000 vehicles were purchased, of which 4,000 were private cars.

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and express our sympathy to his wife

**Mrs. Lola Kramarsky**

National President of Hadassah and to the bereaved family.

The Head of Youth Aliyah Department of the Jewish Agency

The Management Board and the Executive Committee of Youth Aliyah

## The Hadassah Council in Israel and The Hadassah Medical Organization

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## U.N. Charges Rhodesia Sent Katanga Cannon

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter).—Katangese troops were supplied with heavy mortars manned by mercenaries from Rhodesia during recent fighting in the Congo, a U.N. spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said in an official announcement that "reliable information" had established that the Katangese forces received "mobile heavy mortars from Rhodesia this morning."

The same time, customs duties were decreased and the purchase tax abolished on some parts for electronic professional instruments.

The tax was increased by IL1 per kilogramme on cars and by IL80-IL100 on refrigerators, depending on the size.

The duties on the electronic parts will be decreased from the present 60-100 per cent to 40 per cent.

The increased purchase taxes are expected to bring the Treasury about IL1m. in the current fiscal year.

In announcing the revisions last night, the spokesman of the Inland Revenue Department explained that the reductions on parts were made at the recommendation of the mission of the Stanford Research Institute now in the country. The mission is preparing a report on the development of the country's electronics industry.

The increases, he continued, are intended to make up for the revenues lost as a result of various reductions made during the past year at the recommendation of the Public Customs Advisory Committee.

## POALEI AGUDA DAILY MAY CLOSE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TELE AVIV.—"Shalom" the daily newspaper, put out by Poalei Aguda, Yisrael since 1950 is likely to shut down in February.

Letters of dismissal will be sent to members of the editorial staff next week.

The party's titular head, Deputy Minister of Education, Rabbi Kalman Kahn, is among the minority in the Party's Secretariat favouring its continuation.

The newspaper—has been losing IL15,000 a month recently.

When the initial decision was taken to shut down, a few members of the editorial staff proposed that they form a cooperative which would assume ownership.

But they found themselves opposed by the present editors, Mr. Ya'akov Bruner and Mr. Yitzhak Nahshoni, who plan to assume the Secretary-Generalship and party collection directorship of the party, respectively.

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## Peking and Tirana Agree To Joint Shipping Line

PEKING.—Chinese and Albanian Government representatives here yesterday signed an agreement to form a Sino-Albanian joint stock shipping company, the New China News Agency reported.

Under the agreement, aimed at strengthening economic cooperation and developing shipping between the two countries, the company's ships will ply mostly the China-Albania route, but may sail on other routes if necessary, the agency said.

The Albanian Finance Minister, Mr. Alex Verli, has scheduled to arrive in Japan on January 18, and during her one-week visit will meet with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Tomoaki Kosaka, and other senior government officials.

She will also visit the Philippines, Thailand, and Burma, the Ministry spokesman said in answer to a question.

It is learned that the Foreign Minister will be accompanied by Mr. Ya'akov Shimoni, Director of the Ministry's Asian desk.

## 3 Laotian Princes Open Parley Today

VIENTIANE.—The International Control Commission yesterday airlifted 220 neutralist and pro-Communist troops to this pro-Western capital for the long-awaited meeting today of Laos' three principal powers.

The troops are to serve as bodyguards for the neutralist Prince Souvanna Phouma, and his pro-Communist half-brother, Prince Souphanouvong, who are due here today. They will confer with the right-wing Premier, Prince Boum Oum, on the formation of a broad national regime.

The three leaders have been urged by the 14-power coalition in Geneva to form a coalition government quickly and to send delegations to the Geneva talks, which are to resume on January 3.

The first of five flights by the ICC plane brought 45 of Souvanna Phouma's soldiers in their French paratrooper camouflage uniforms, berets and red neckerchiefs. They were armed with Soviet guns and anti-aircraft American carbines and pistols, some automatic weapons and a Soviet gas-operated sub-machine gun that looked like a pipe.

They have no scruples about the means they use to justify their criminal actions and their position, which is untenable. They slander, they provoke, they heap abuse on them.

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**The Weather**

**Forecast:** Partly cloudy, with possible light rain.  
**Weather Synopsis:** An upper trough is slowly moving east.

**NAZARETH** 92 8-11 7-12  
**HAIFA** 94 8-14 7-15  
**AFUL** 95 8-14 7-15  
**THIBERIAS** 95 8-14 7-15  
**HAIFA PORT** 95 14-17 13-16  
**HAIFA KIRYA** 73 8-17 9-18  
**T.A. PORT** 92 8-16 9-18  
**LYDD AIRPORT** 94 8-16 9-18  
**HAIFA** 75 8-12 7-12  
**ELAT** 34 8-23 9-21

**Atmospheric** at 8 p.m. B) Yesterday's Temperature range C) Today's Temperature forecast.

**ARRIVAL**

Dr. Chaim Shoshan, an American journalist, for a visit (by El Al).

**BURMESE LEADERS**

**ON VISIT**  
The Deputy Finance Minister of Burma, U Than Swe, and U Saw Maung, Burmese M.P., are due to arrive this evening for a four-day visit as guests of the Foreign Ministry.

**Thousands At Double Funeral**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**HAIFA** — Yitzhak Lipsitz and Dov Dachir, the Solitam and Bonchuk families, who lived in last week's plane crash over Ankara, were yesterday given what amounted to a state funeral. Thousands of mourners followed their biers to the Haim and Kiryat Tiv'on cemeteries, among them Knesset Member, senior Defense Minister, officials, Staff and Ordnance officers, Histadrut leaders, Solel Boneh and Koor executives, industrialists, engineers and other employees from Solitam and its associated enterprises.

The two coffins were brought during the night to the Solitam plant where workers mounted a guard of honor until the funeral service. Mr. Yitzhak Eliam, General Manager of Koor, Mr. Avraham Hamo, a Solitam employee, and Rabbi Auerbach paid tribute to the two men.

The funeral cortège divided into two, one with the coffin of Yitzhak Lipsitz leaving for the Carmel Beach cemetery, and that of Dov Dachir for Kiryat Tiv'on. A large number of wreaths were laid upon the two graves by their colleagues, from Solitam, Koor and the Defence Ministry.

**Siegfried Kramarsky, U.S. Zionist, Dead**

**NEW YORK, (AP)** — Banker and Zionist Siegfried Kramarsky, 58, died of natural causes, Monday, at his Manhattan home. His widow, Lois, is National President of Hadassah.

Kramarsky was born in Lubek, Germany. He left Germany in 1923 and settled in Amsterdam but came to New York in 1939.

**Edward Jacobs, 78, Veteran Zionist**

The death occurred in New York on December 22 of Mr. Edward Jacobs, 78, a veteran Zionist and the husband of Mrs. Rose Jacobs, a former President of Hadassah, the Hadassah Council in Israel reported yesterday.

**ISRAEL COHEN; AN APPRECIATION**

Israel Cohen, not only was one of the outstanding representatives of contemporary Jewish history, but he also actively participated in the making of that history.

Finance Minister Levi Eshkol opposed the bill, on the grounds that the basic law did not deal with social welfare, but with pension rights. Individuals should not be granted benefits which could not be granted to everyone, he said.

The bill was defeated by a straight coalition opposition vote of 29-18.

**Superior of Jaffa Church Describes Destruction by Fire**

**WE WILL BUILD OUR CHURCH ANEW**

By ADAM LYNFORD, Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV** — "We must—and will—build our church anew," Archimandrite Gregorius told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, standing by the altar of St. Michael's church in Jaffa, which was totally destroyed by flames Monday night.

"It took almost 10 years of loving work to complete the building of this church, begun in 1840 by Patriarch Kyriolos. Its monetary value of St. Michael's is over \$100,000 but in fact the icons and other contents of the church were invaluable," the middle-aged priest, dressed in a scarlet robe, continued.

Police experts have confirmed the fire was caused by a short circuit. The flames spread from a marble pillar upon which there was a web of electric wires, the police spokesman stated yesterday. The electric wires installed three years ago by a workman whose identity is not yet known, were blamed, he said.

The Archimandrite told *Post* reporters that he and other elders of the Greek Orthodox community were sitting in tribunal in the monastery—a scant 20 minutes from the church—when neighbour rushed in to inform them that smoke was coming out of the roof. One of the elders immediately telephoned the Fire Brigade in northern Tel Aviv, and the police, at the Ferguson shipyards

arrived to find the church had been transferred last October but the transfer was delayed until January.

Archbishop Nikodemus was the "father of Cypriot independence" who was banished from the island by the British in 1930. He died in Athens in 1937 and was buried on Mt. Zion until his remains were transferred to St. Michael's.

The agreement with Cyprus for the return of the remains of Archbishop Nikodemus was concluded in exchange for the return of the remains of Irgun Zvai Leumi commander David Raziel from Cyprus, where he was interred by the British after they evacuated the island.

The Director General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Dr. S. Z. Kahana, and Dr. Shaul Cohen, Head of the Ministry's Christian Communities Department, yesterday called on Archimandrite Gregorius to express the Minister's regret concerning the fire.

**Thirty Pilgrims Still in Jordan**

Approximately 30 Christians pilgrims failed to return to Israel on December 25, the Jerusalem police spokesman said yesterday. None returned yesterday, and those expected to return in the next few days. Those "out-of-date" excuses (such as medical certificates) will be questioned by police.

**Namir Met 3 Prime Ministers On Tour of Far East**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV** — Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranaike, Prime Minister of Ceylon, and Tel Aviv Mayor Mordechai Namir, held an hour-long, "extremely cordial" talk, during the Mayor's stay in Colombo, Mr. Namir told a press conference here yesterday on the occasion of his return from a Far Eastern tour.

Mr. Namir visited Ceylon, India, Thailand and Japan during his tour. He said that besides Mrs. Bandaranaike, he also met two other Asian Prime Ministers whose names he could not disclose.

The Ceylonese Prime Minister was very well informed on Israel and never missed an opportunity to talk with an Israeli or someone recently returned from Israel. She was especially interested in this country's development of its tourist trade, Mr. Namir stated.

**TOURISM CONFERENCE TO END TODAY**

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV** — The four-day annual conference of overseas managers and local heads of the Israel National Tourist Corporation, Eg Alim and Zim, will end today.

The 80 officials of the three bodies have been meeting in closed sessions at the Z.O.A. House here discussing various aspects of the tourist industry yesterday in Israel and abroad.

Yesterday, the discussion turned to the situation at Lydda Airport and Haifa Port, and it was agreed by all that it was high time to bring these plans up to date.

Today, the conference will discuss publicity programmes for 1962 and a review of the presentation and development of Israel landscapes and historic sites. Tel Aviv Mayor Mordechai Namir will give a luncheon in honour of its conference participants.

**ACADEMIC STAFFS IN WORK STOPPAGE**

**HAIFA** — Scientists and teachers at the country's institutions of higher learning will interrupt their work today to hold meetings to discuss their salary problems, according to a decision of the Permanent Council of Unions of Academic Staffs.

The Council comprises representatives of the Hebrew University, Tel Aviv and Bar-Ilan Universities, the Technion and the Weizmann Institute.

In a statement, the Council said that "the meetings will not be the character of working strikes. Teachers coming to attend lectures to attend the meetings may make any possible arrangements with the students to make up for lost time."

The statement added that the decision was prompted by the postponement of the engineers' strike over a week ago. The salaries of the academics are based on the engineers' salaries.

**Senior Officials Promised Increases**

**TEL AVIV** — The Histadrut has promised senior administrative Civil Servants that they will receive any salary increases given to engineers.

This follows protests among top grade officials resulting from reported concessions to engineers.

**Histadrut Books Rises For Gov't Charwomen**

**TEL AVIV** — Charwomen employed in Government offices will get a wage increase. Yesterday's Histadrut Trades Union Department meeting decided to back the wage claim of charwomen employed on a temporary basis by the Government.

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The Rosenfeld and Clement families, abroad.

She proceeded directly to Jerusalem from the airport.

**PRINCESS GEORGES OF GREECE HERE**

LYDDA AIRPORT — Princess Georges of Greece arrived by Olympic Airways yesterday for a fortnight's visit as guest of the Foreign Ministry.

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# Students Confer in Jerusalem

International Seminar Draws Delegates from 32 Countries

By SHALOM COHEN

The student representatives at the international seminar on "The role of the student in developing countries" have resumed their deliberations in the Louis Waterman Wise hostel in Jerusalem today after a three-day tour up north. They have already had five days of discussion, listening to talks by Israeli guest speakers, and social activities in the spare hours. There are another five days of business sessions, winding up on Sunday evening with a meeting with the Prime Minister.

The subject of the seminar was a broad one. According to the National Union of Israeli Students, which initiated and organized it, the response to the invitations exceeded expectations: 40 overseas delegates arrived instead of the 25 or 30 who had been expected. They represented student organizations in 32 countries, mainly in Africa, Asia and Europe.

Some of the points raised at the discussions strike a familiar note, for they have often been debated in Israel in connection with our own students. For example, in one of the sub-committees of the seminar on the role of the student in education and social welfare, the question cropped up frequently of whether a student should pursue the advancement of his career or offer his services where they are needed most: conform with the drive to the town or be willing to venture into remote areas. The participants were generally agreed, unless the general standard of living is raised, education will be restricted to a small minority. The terms "enthusiasm" and "resolute idealism" have often been used at the seminar, which is being held in English. Participants told of what was already being done by students.

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in their own countries. The delegate from Niger described how students went out in groups to bring education to the people. The Ethiopian delegate, a girl of 18, said that UNESCO mobile schools were manned by students. The Director-General of the Ministry of Education, Dr. Hayim Rabin, sat in at one of this sub-committee's sessions, and, according to students, greatly helped to clarify matters which worried the students.

## Controversial Issues

The other sub-committee dealt with the role of the student in the technological, industrial and scientific development of the developing countries. Discussion was factual and also controversial. Prominent was the issue of centralization or decentralization as a means of development, and the related question, which was not referred to the organic integration of different ethnic groups, or "co-existence" among them? This was a burning question for some of the new states, and one on which opinion was divided. The acquiring of know-how, raising the standard of living; cooperation, with other countries, how to have a strong government without a dictatorship; differences between the old and new generation, were some of the questions occupying the students from the developing countries. Another one was the cold war, which even divides the world's two international student federations, non-Soviet and Soviet sponsored. Some of the student organizations represented at the seminar belong to both.

Their interest in Israel affairs ranged from education, religion to economic development, and in courteous manner, Israel-Arab relations. The delegate from Ceylon, for example, asked for material on education in Israel and in particular on the dissemination of the Hebrew language, no doubt with reference to the acute language problem in his country.

The conclusions of the two sub-committees will be presented to the plenary meeting on Sunday. These will include suggestions on projects for international cooperation among students' unions. Following a request for assistance from the seminar, the Israel National Commission for UNESCO has agreed to present the seminar to the World Commission on Education.

**Sure Technique**



Third Annual Subscription Concert: Ladislaw Roth, conductor; Pauli Montarolo, bass (Mann Auditorium, December 23 in Schubert's Symphony No. 8 in B-flat major, Brahms' Arias Verdi, Mozart and Rossini; Kodaly: "Harry James" Suite).

Mr. Roth's first appearance with the Orchestra has proved that he is a conductor of undeniable qualities. He has a very clear and sure conducting technique and knows his scores perfectly. He gave a straightforward rendition of the Schubert's Symphony with no more dramatics or romantics than it requires in the witty Kodaly work, on the other hand, he revealed an incandescent temperament.

Mr. Montarolo's contribution to the programme was one of sheer delight. His powerful and beautifully nuanced voice, his serious approach and his exhilarating acting in the Mozart (Don Juan) and Rossini (Barberie) — were admiringly applauded by the audience.

Considering her vocal qualities Miss Nadav appears ill advised to have gone into solo singing. And the very bad loudspeaker system was unfit for music.

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## Readers' Letters

**SICK FUNDS**  
Editor, The Jerusalem Post  
Sir, — In today's leader on the conference of the Histadrut's health fund, you make very sound arguments against the nationalization of sickness insurance. I have put forward. Every unbiased observer must also agree to your appreciation of the big and beneficial achievement of the Fund.

Allow me, however, some remarks on that part of your leader which deals with the other sick funds existing in Israel. Not all of them were set up by political parties, for their followers, as the article would have it, imply. There are also several non-political sick funds.

One of the reasons for this is the desire to enable the Christians to stay in the Holy Land on Christmas (it is also vacation time).

Some of the students want to stay on longer in Israel, the representative from Norway, one of the seven girl delegates, a plan to stay while a plan to stay and study education. The donor, R. B. Moise, Avi Avital, Chairman of the Israel Committee of the World University Service; Prof. S. Eisenstadt, the socialist, and Dr. H. Reiter, Director of the Department for International Cooperation at the Foreign Ministry; Dr. Raanan Weitz Head of the Jewish Agency Settlement Department; Dr. Moise Avi Avital, Chairman of the Israel National Commission for UNESCO; Dr. P. Blumenthal, Education Ministry Supervisor; Prof. T. Tarkov, Israel W.I.C. Chairman; Mr. E. Ben-Israel, Head of the Students' Duplicate Service in Jerusalem; and Dr. Zev Vilnay, who lectured on the Negev and the South of Israel.

The opening address by Education Minister Abba Eban made a profound impression on the audience. The Nigerian delegate asked for a recording of it.

**Bull Sessions**

The seminar has had its lighter moments, its "bull sessions," international dancing and singing. The organizers say the event owes much of its success to the Hostel's Director, Mr. Berlin. "One of the most successful events was on Friday night, billled on the schedule as 'Visits to homes of Israeli families.' Two hundred families were ready to take in students.

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**A REMINDER**

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The name of the writer will be withheld only in special circumstances.

**LUDWIG NEUMANN**

Haifa, December 6

**RAILWAY TOILET**

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

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